has increased. However, the figures of the quantity and value of gold seized by the Customs authorities throughout the country including the airports and seaports during the last 3 years are given in the table below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Quantity (in kgs.)	Value
1989. . .	8215	259·60
1990. . .	5596	189·75
*1991 . . (upto 22/7/91)	3091	109·11

*Figures are provisional.

(d) the anti-smuggilng drive has been intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country especially in the vulnerable areas of the land borders coastline and the international airports and seaports has been geared up. Close co-ordination is being maintained with all the agencies concerned in detection and prevention of smuggling. Sophisticated equipment like X-ray baggage machines, metal detectors, night vision binoculars are being increasingly used.

Launching of NRI Bond Scheme

1119. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had launched the NRI bond scheme sometime back with much publicity;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there has been undue delay in the issue of bonds to NRIs;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in issuing of bond;

(d) whether Government have come across any case of legal complications arising out of delay in issue of bonds; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to expedite the issue of bonds to NRIs and the progress achieved in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Bond Certificates have already been despatched to more than 99 per cent of the applicants.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Bond Certificates to about 252 applicants could not issue due to loss of the drafts covering remittances in transit or due to change in mailing address of the applicants. SBI is arranging to despatch these Certificates shortly.

Revision of Pay Scale of NDS Instructors

1120. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed revision in the pay scales of the former NDS Instructors at par with the teaching staff of the schools run by the Centre/Union Territory Administration from 1st January, 1967 till their absorption in the State/Union Territory administration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Central Government is committed to bear in full the expenditure of their pay, allowances and pension, etc.;

(c) if answer to (a) be in the affirmative, names of the States and Union Territory administrations that have followed instructions as contained in Government's letter dated 19th May, 1986 and cleared the arrears of pay;

(d) if answer to Part (b) be in affirmative the names of States and Union Territory Aministrations which have